

January 2017

Dear Potential Junior Naturalist,

Greetings from the Nature Daycamp staff at Discovery Park!

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Junior Naturalist program! If you are interested (must be 13 by May 31, 2017) in applying to be a Junior Naturalist at Discovery Park's Nature Daycamp for the 2017 summer season, please complete an application (that also includes an Expectations Contract). The contracts let Junior Naturalists and their parents/guardians know what is expected of each of them to participate in the program. If you would like a paper copy of this information, please let us know and we can mail it to you. Please feel free to tell all your friends and pass along this information. Below are important dates:

Junior Naturalist Applications DUE: Wednesday, March 8th

Junior Naturalist Interviews (15 min): the week of March 13th

MANDATORY Junior Naturalist Training: Saturday, April 29th 9am-4:30pm. More information will be provided if you are offered the opportunity to be a Junior Naturalist.

Below is a calendar of the Nature Daycamp offerings this summer. Junior Naturalist must commit to volunteer at least **two FULL weeks** during the summer.

#	Date	Camp Name	Age	Junior Naturalist Will Work
1	June 12-16	Nature Play	4-6	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>)
2	June 19-23	Nature Play	4-6	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>)
3	June 26-30	Nature Play	4-6	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>)
4	July 10-14	Nature Play Nature Adventure TNT	4-6 6-8 9-12	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>)
5	July 17-21	Nature Play Nature Adventure TNT	4-6 6-8 9-12	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>)
6	July 24-28	Nature Play Nature Adventure TNT	4-6 6-8 9-12	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>)
7	July 31-Aug 4	Nature Play Nature Adventure TNT	4-6 6-8 9-12	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>)
8	Aug 7-11	Nature Play Nature Adventure TNT	4-6 6-8 9-12	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>)
9	Aug 14-18	Nature Play Nature Adventure TNT	4-6 6-8 9-12	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>) 8:30am - 3:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9am-3pm</i>)
10	Aug 21-25	Nature Play	4-6	9:00am – 1:30pm (<i>camp hours: 9:30am-1pm</i>)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions. Thank you and good luck!

Best Wishes,

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Junior Naturalist Application 2017

Please print clearly

Name _____ Email address* _____

Age _____ Birthday _____ (must be 13 by May 31, 2017)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ School _____ Grade _____

Adult/Guardian(s) _____

Adult/Guardian(s) email* _____

** We will contact you with your status, updates, and reminders via these email addresses.*

How did you hear about the Junior Naturalist Program?

Have you volunteered for other programs before? ____ Yes ____ No, first time

If yes, with whom? _____

1. I want to be a Junior Naturalist with Discovery Park because . . . (use the back or separate sheet if necessary)

2. This summer as a Junior Naturalist, I hope to learn more about . . .

3. Some of my interests and strengths are . . .

4. Please tell us about your experience working with young children, i.e. siblings, babysitting, other camps, etc.

5. How do you see yourself fitting the roles of a Junior Naturalist?

In order to be eligible for an interview, this completed **application form** and the **signed contract** (see following pages) must be received by **Wednesday, March 8th**.
Mail to: NDC Jr. Naturalist Program, Discovery Park,
3801 Discovery Park Blvd, Seattle WA 98199



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2017 JUNIOR NATURALISTS

EXPECTATIONS

Definitions:

Supervising adult – One of the adults involved with camp: Director, Assistant Director, or Environmental Educator. The Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center staff does not supervise Junior Naturalists.

Camper – A child attending camp.

Participant – A person 13-16 years old participating in the Junior Naturalist program.

Participant's adult – The parent or guardian of Jr. Naturalist

Environmental Educator – The staff working with campers.

The center – This includes daycamp rooms, staff offices, public indoor areas and the outdoor area adjacent to the buildings.

ALL participants are expected to:

1. Take this role seriously and with maturity- it is like a “job”- you are expected to be fully a part of the camp day- if you don’t think you can fulfill this role without looking at your cell phone, please think this through before applying.
2. Have fun while learning new skills.
3. Attend all of the Jr. Naturalist Training.
4. Participate in the daily routine of camp with a positive smiling attitude.
5. Be committed to volunteering for at least 2 FULL weeks of camp.
6. Inform the Director when you will be absent, need to leave early/late, and/or arrive late.
7. Be at camp from 9:00am to 1:30pm or 8:30am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
8. Be a positive role model for campers.
9. Exhibit sound judgment and act in a responsible and safe manner.
10. Be ready to assist the Environmental Educators. Following are some typical tasks:
 - Leading games with one or more groups of campers.
 - Singing songs
 - Helping with campers at lunchtime.
 - Assisting with getting campers into bus/vans.
 - Basic group management.
 - Making props.
 - Set up and clean up for art projects.
 - Set up and clean up for Festival.
 - Assisting with stations during Festival.
 - Searching for certain materials/supplies.
 - Copying materials, i.e. coloring sheets.
11. Communicate with a supervising adult about any problems or frustrations you are experiencing as soon as possible.
12. Attend and actively participate in meetings with one or more of the supervising adults at the beginning and/or end of each day as scheduled.
13. Take a 15-minute break each day.
14. Let a supervising adult know when you leave the center.

Participants' Adults are expected to:

1. Have their Junior Naturalist to program on time (either 8:30am or 9:00am depending on the camp)
2. Pick their Junior Naturalist up on time.
3. Remind Junior Naturalist of the importance of informing the Director of absences, or needing to leave early/late, and/or arriving late.
4. Ensure that their Junior Naturalist can fully commit to the weeks for which they signed-up to volunteer
5. Make sure that your Junior Naturalist is here for the right reason- love of nature and kids!

Discovery Park is expected to:

1. Provide positive role models for participants.
 2. Provide participants with the training and background necessary to develop sound judgment and safe and responsible practices.
 3. Train participants in how to lead games.
 4. Train participants in basic group management techniques.
 5. Teach participants about Pacific Northwest flora and fauna.
 6. Provide optional training on a variety of topics.
 7. Help participants learn the layout of the center.
 8. Provide general support for participants.
 - By having at least one supervising adult available to answer questions.
 - By providing supplies needed.
 15. Actively participate in meetings with participants at the start and/or end of each day as scheduled.
 16. Provide stewardship and leadership opportunities.
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Junior Naturalist Expectations Contract

I have read the expectations stated above. I understand what is being asked of me and I agree to meet these terms to the best of my ability.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARTICIPANT'S NAME PRINTED

I have read the expectations stated above. I am willing to work with my child to help them understand what is expected and to help them meet these terms.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME PRINTED

Discovery Park understands the expectations stated above and will meet these terms to the best of its ability.

DISCOVERY PARK STAFF SIGNATURE

DATE